

**MINUTES
LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
MAY 17, 2016**

PRESENT: President Marc Liechti, Directors Jack Thomson, Roxanne Wadman, and Jim Heim, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, and Beth Dotson, Secretary

ABSENT: Rex Niles

President Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Thomson to accept the agenda. Director Heim seconded and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Board meeting on April 19, 2016 were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Wadman to accept these Minutes. Director Thomson seconded and motion carried.

VISITORS: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Combined Balance Sheet shows current assets at \$2,208,419.99, fixed assets at \$9,008,455.77, total liabilities at \$884,836.46, and total equity at \$10,351,027.30 for a total liabilities and equity balance of \$11,235,863.76.

The Income Statement shows Water Fund total revenue in April to be \$17,351.65, expenses to be \$33,777.09, and total other revenue to be \$2,255.94 resulting in net income for the Water Fund of -\$14,169.50

The Income Statement shows Sewer Fund total revenue in April to be \$40,79.25, expenses to be \$52,098.32, and total other revenue to be \$4,525.27, resulting in net income for the Sewer Fund of -\$7,493.80

A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for April were reviewed. Expenses of note included:

- Glacier Paving – parking lot refurbishment
- Black Mountain Software – annual fees
- Ferguson Waterworks – grinder pumps for Caroline Point
- A-1 Sanitation – grinder pump installation at Caroline Point
- Irrrometer Company Inc. – pivot field replacement parts
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The Capital One credit card statement for April was also reviewed.

Director Wadman made a motion to approve the bills. Director Thomson seconded and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

| White Oak L/S – Waiting for the paving and easement to be completed.-

South Eighty Water System – A property owner stopped by the office to inquire about a sewer hookup. He explored boring under Highway 93 to hook to the sewer system, but that proved to be unviable. His property borders Boon Road and includes a well that pumps 200 gpm. APEC Engineering did a study to verify the integrity of the well. A discussion was initiated about LCWSD taking ownership of the well in exchange for extending the water and sewer lines to his property. This would be a win-win situation for both the property owner and LCWSD. Extending the sewer and water lines would allow for additional hookups. LCWSD would institute a Developers Agreement to recoup some of the cost as additional hookups occur. The cost of extending the lines would also be mitigated by not having to drill a well in South Eighty. Water rights will be addressed to ensure the property owner can simply transfer the rights to LCWSD.

Lift Station 2 (near Somers) – Most of the parts have arrived for upgrading the lift station with two new 3-HP pumps and new control panel. Upgrade is expected to start by the end of May.

Lift Station 11 (near Volunteer Park) – New pumps and control panel have arrived. Upgrade is scheduled for May 18.

Rate Increase – A rate increase is under consideration. Dan Kramer from Montana Rural Water will be asked to make a presentation to the Board hopefully at the July meeting on how they would present the increase to customers.

Snow Plow

Rodney obtained a second quote on replacing the snow plow. The undercarriage on the truck is set up for a BOSS plow, however, so it is more cost effective to purchase a BOSS plow.

A motion to approve the purchase of a BOSS plow for \$6295 and the sale of the current plow for \$1800 to \$2500 was made by Director Heim. Director Wadman seconded and the motion carried.

New Hookups

Inside District – 139 Troutbeck

NEW BUSINESS:

Fish Hatcher L/S

This is the only lift station with Myers 7.5 HP pumps (2). These pumps are 16 years old and experiencing problems with the run times. Parts to fix the pumps are about 60 percent of the cost of new pumps (\$5100).

A motion was made to purchase one new pump for the Fish Hatchery L/S by Director Wadman. Director Thomson seconded and the motion carried.

L/S 8, 9, and 13

These three lift stations have two 3-HP ABC grinder pumps each that are 30 years old. We are having problems with the pumps in L/S 13. Parts to repair the pumps are very expensive making it more cost effective to replace the old pumps. Cost of a new pump is \$3884 including a starter kit.

A motion to purchase six (6) new pumps was made by Director Heim. Director Wadman seconded and motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Dotson, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016)